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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. VEST VISIT (STATE 128221). WHEN AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED PROSPECTS FOR VEST VISIT BEGINNING JUNE 24-25 WITH GLIGA AT FRG RECEPTION MAY 23, GLIGA WAS ELATED, AND SAID WEEKEND PROGRAM POSED NO PROBLEMS FOR GOR. IF VEST ARRIVED EARLY ENOUGH FOR APPOINTMENTS ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON, THEY COULD CERTAINLY BE ARRANGED, AS COULD VISITS TO COUNTRYSIDE SUNDAY MORNING AND AFTERNOON BEFORE AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION FOR U.S. SIDE OF COUNCIL SUNDAY EVENING. GLIGA SAID VEST WOULD BE GOR'S GUEST DURING PERIOD BEFORE AND AFTER COUNCIL SESSION, FOR AS MUCH TIME AS HE COULD GIVE, AND THEY WOULD COORDINATE PROGRAM CLOSELY IN LINE WITH HIS DESIRES. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH ME, HE SAID ANDREI WOULD BE BUSY SATURDAY WITH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTER, BUT BOTH PUNGAM AND HE HIMSELF WOULD BE AVAILABLE, AND HE WAS CONFIDENT OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS VEST MIGHT WISH TO SEE WOULD TOO. HE ALSO ASKED AMBASSADOR IF MRS. VEST WOULD ACCOMPANY. AS WE SEE IT, THEREFORE, DECISION AS TO WHETHER HE SHOULD COME SATURDAY OR SUNDAY DEPENDS SOMEWHAT ON SATURDAY PLANE SCHEDULES FROM WE CAPAITAL, BUT HE CAN COUNT ON FULL AND USEFUL WEEKEND PROGRAM EVEN IF HE ARRIVES LATE SATURDAY MORNING, AND WE THEREFORE BELIEVE SATURDAY ARRIVAL PREFERABLE. ALTHOUGH QUESTION NOT RAISED AT GERMAN
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RECEPTION, HE CAN ALSO COUNT ON MFA EVENT, EITHER LUNCHEON OR DINNER, IN HIS HONOR, AS WELL AS ON SEEING AT LEAST ANDREI, IF NOT PRESIDENT, MONDAY AND TUESDAY.

2. EARTHQUAKE ASSISTANCE. THE AMBASSADOR WILL BE MAKING VISIT TO SOME OF THE EQUIPMENT PROVIDED UNDER THE FIRST \$7 MILLION TRANCE OF EARTHQUAKE ASSISTANCE ON FRIDAY,

MAY 26. IN PREPARATION FOR THAT SITE VISIT AND, MORE GENERALLY, IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATIONS FOR RECEIPT OF THE GOR'S LIST OF EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES TO BE PROCURED UNDER THE \$13 MILLION TRANCE, WE HAVE BEEN REVIEWING OUR FILES AND FIND THAT WE HAVE NO CONSOLIDATED, AUTHORITATIVE LIST OF ITEMS PROVIDED UNDER THE FIRST TRANCE. WE WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE IF SAM OR INTS WOULD CONTACT DAVE MANDEL OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE AID OFFICER TO OBTAIN SUCH A LIST.

3. DECREE 223. YOU MAY HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED OUR CABLE SUMMARIZING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE STATE VISIT. IN IT WE SUGGEST THAT YOU CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING KWIATEK OR ANOTHER LAWYER COME TO BUCHAREST ON TDY TO ASSIST. IN THAT CONNECTION, WE BELIEVE THAT YOUR CURRENT THINKING RE A NOTE OUTLINING HISTORY OF GOR ASSURANCES AND STRESSING THE LINK WITH GSP WOULD BE TIMELY. ONE OF THE NAGGING FEARS IN EMBASSY IS THAT THE LINK IS NOT QUITE AS STRONG AS HAS BEEN SOMETIMES SUGGESTED. GOR'S INACTION WOULD SUGGEST THAT THEY MAY NOT PERCEIVE IT AS THREATENING.

LEE AND LUCIANO WILL BE RESUMING WORK ON THE CASE FILES, AGAIN ATTEMPTING TO INDUCE FROM THE CLAIMANTS SOME FRESH DOCUMENTATION OR OTHER SIGN OF LIFE. IN THAT CONNECTION, WE WOULD APPRECIATE SAM LOOKING INTO THE NICK
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DRAMBAREANU CASE. ON FEBRUARY 6, WE REQUESTED YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THIS CASE IN BUCHAREST 790. THERE ARE TWO OTHER CASES MENTIONED IN BUCHAREST 921 INVOLVING REQUESTS FOR DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE. THEY ARE MARIA GROVU (921 PARA 4(3)) AND MARIA VASU AKA SOFARIU (921 PARA 4(12)). ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN DEVELOP ON THESE CASES WOULD BE HELPFUL IN FORWARDING OUR COMMON EFFORT TO DEFINE THE TRUE SIZE OF IMPORTANCE OF THE CLAIMS PROBLEM.

4. LICENSING OF REEXPORTS. THANKS FOR HAVING HAD BELGRADE'S 3788 OF MAY 17 REPEATED TO US. WE WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED TO KNOW IF OEA WAS ABLE TO ESTABLISH WHETHER A REEXPORT LICENSE FOR UZINEXPORTIMPORT'S DIGITAL COMPUTER WAS IN FACT REQUESTED AND/OR ISSUED. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SUCH A SALE IS UNCLEAR TO US SINCE (1) THE COMPUTER AND ITS POSSIBLE SENSITIVITY IS NOT KNOWN TO US, AND (2) WE ARE SIMILARLY IGNORANT OF THE NEW END USER'S ROLE AND PURPOSE IN ACQUIRING THE COMPUTER. HOWEVER, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT A GOR "ERROR" IN SEEKING TO REEXPORT WITHOUT LICENSE MIGHT PREJUDICE ITS GENERAL STATUS RE EXPORT LICENSING. IF THERE IS A PROBLEM OR POTENTIAL FOR A PROBLEM, WE WOULD WISH TO BE INFORMED.

5. EXPORT LICENSE CASE. REQUEST THAT SAM ASK JAY
BURGESS TO CHECK ON STATUS OF FOLLOWING EXPORT LICENSE CASE:
MASINEXPORTIMPORT SIGNED CONTRACT IN MARCH 1978 WITH
VERSA ENGINEERING, INC. 2100 CEPULVEDA BOULEVARD, MANHATTAN
BEACH, CALIFORNIA, FOR STEEL PLATE FOLDING PRESS MACHINE
WORTH AROUND \$400,000. EXPORT LICENSE NUMBER APPEARS
TO BE BTR303389 FILED ON 3/21/78. VERSA TOLD MASINEXPORT
THAT EXPORT LICENSE DECISION WOULD TAKE FORTY-FOUR WEEKS.
THIS STATEMENT CAUSED MASINEXPORT, WHICH WANTS THIS
MACHINE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, TO REQUEST MFT'S INTER-
VENTION. ANY INFORMATION JAY COULD GET US ON THIS CASE
THROUGH YOU WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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